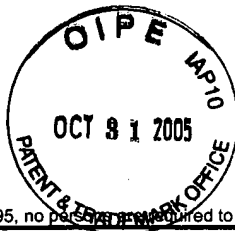


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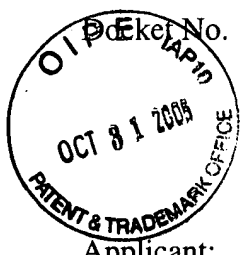
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Title: SMOKE AND CLEAN AIR)
GENERATING MACHINE FOR)
DETECTING THE PRESENCE)
OF LEAKS IN A FLUID SYSTEM)

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ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PRE-APPEAL BRIEF
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Dear Sir:

This pre-appeal brief review is requested inasmuch as it is submitted that the Final Rejection of Claims 29 and 32-34 has been based on a clear factual deficiency. In general terms, it appears that the Examiner's Final Rejection dated July 27, 2005 has totally ignored and/or failed to address the Remarks in the applicant's Amendment filed July 15, 2005. In particular, the primary reference to Westervelt, et al. (3,872,712) is believed to be an inapplicable teaching, because the flow meter of Westervelt, et al. is used only during calibration and prior to testing but not during a testing step as it is otherwise required by the applicant's method to determine the presence of leaks in a system under test as recited in Independent Claim 29 (the sole independent claim under appeal). Thus, it is believed that Independent Claim 29 and Claims 32-34, which